# Is Your License Suspended Because of Old Tickets?

Ask About

## **Traffic Ticket Amnesty**

If payment on your ticket was originally due on or before **January 1, 2013**, the amount you owe the court could be **reduced** by at least 50%.

- In order to qualify for debt reduction, you must not have made a payment on the ticket after September 30, 2015.
- If you owe victim restitution or have an outstanding warrant on a misdemeanor or felony, you will not be eligible for debt reduction until the restitution or warrants are resolved.
- If you receive SSI, SSP, CalWORKS, Tribal TANF, SNAP/Food Stamps, County Relief/General Assistance, CAPI, IHSS, or Medi-Cal, or if you qualify as low-income, GC Services will reduce the amount you owe by 80%.

No matter when your ticket was due, you are eligible to have your license **reinstated**.

You must agree to a
 payment plan, but GC
 Services is required to
 offer you a reasonable
 payment plan based on what you can afford.



- GC Services will charge \$50 to participate in the reinstatement program.
- Once you have made the first payment, GC Services will release its hold on your license.

#### What tickets qualify for amnesty?

Most tickets will qualify for amnesty, including traffic violations (e.g., no registration, no insurance, cell phone, red light, stop sign), pedestrian violations (e.g., jaywalking, metro fare evasion), and failures to appear or failures to pay. BUT parking tickets, reckless driving, DUIs, and other serious offenses do not qualify for amnesty.

#### Can I be put on a payment plan?

GC Services is required to give you a payment plan based on what you can afford. If GC Services does not offer you a payment plan you can afford, you should ask for one.

#### How much do I have to pay?

GC Services will charge a \$50 administrative fee, but if you are eligible for the 80% reduction, the fee will be waived. If you ask for a payment plan, GC Services will ask for a minimum payment of \$25 per month.

#### How do I reinstate my license?

Your license will be reinstated 7-10 business days after you make your first payment on your payment plan OR if you pay the entire amount you owe. At that time, you should follow up with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to get your license. When your license is reinstated, the DMV will charge a \$55 reinstatement fee.

#### How long do I have to sign up?

The amnesty program ends March 31, 2017.

#### How do I apply?

- If your tickets are from Los Angeles County, go to <u>www.trafficticketamnesty.com</u> and complete the Amnesty Participation Form.
- 2. Call GC Services at 1-800-950-6280 (English) or 1-800-939-8068 (Spanish) to determine if you're eligible and ask for a payment plan.
- 3. Make your first payment online, on the phone, or in person at a traffic courthouse.
- 4. Go to the DMV and ask them to reinstate your license (\$55 fee).

#### Questions? Ask your employment specialist for more information.

### **How to Locate Your Tickets and**

### **Determine the Cause of A Driver's License Suspension**

There are five ways to find out what tickets you have and what is causing a driver's license suspension.

- 1. H-6
- 2. Counselor Inquiry
- 3. GC Services Website
- 4. LA Court Website
- 5. Traffic Courthouse

#### H-6

H-6 is a complete driving record from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The license holder must go in-person to a local DMV field office to get it. It costs \$5 to obtain. Once in hand, it is a comprehensive history of the license holder's driving record. It also tracks reasons for a driver's license suspension that do not involve a traffic citation (e.g., a criminal record, child support, etc.). Below is a primer on how to read an H-6 with an eye towards a driver's license suspension.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

\*\*\*CUSTOMER RECEIPT COPY\*\*\*

DRIVER LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD

INFORMATION REQUEST

06/26/15

DAD99933502H6D182928 DATE: 06-26-TIME: 13:08\*

> DL/NO:C1234567\* B/D:05-02-1 NAME: KYLO REN\* ADDR AS OF 04-10-15:9872 DEATH STAR, TATTOINE CA 91827\* OTH/ADDR AS OF 07-29-14: PO BOX 7777, MILN FALCON\*

PULL NOTICE: NONE\*

P&M CODE: NONE\*

REVIEW DT: NONE\*

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ARREST REPORT SUBRECORD: NONE

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HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE EXPIRES: NONE\*

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LATEST APP:ID CARD\*ISS/DATE:04-10-15\*OFF:LSA\*BATES:LIS\*

PHOTO DATE: 04-10-15 OFC: LSA\*

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR: YES UPDATED: 04-10-15\*

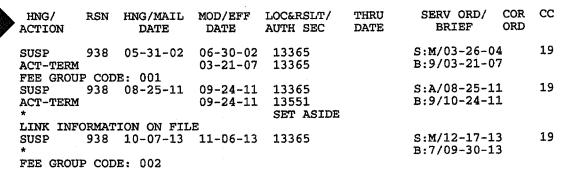
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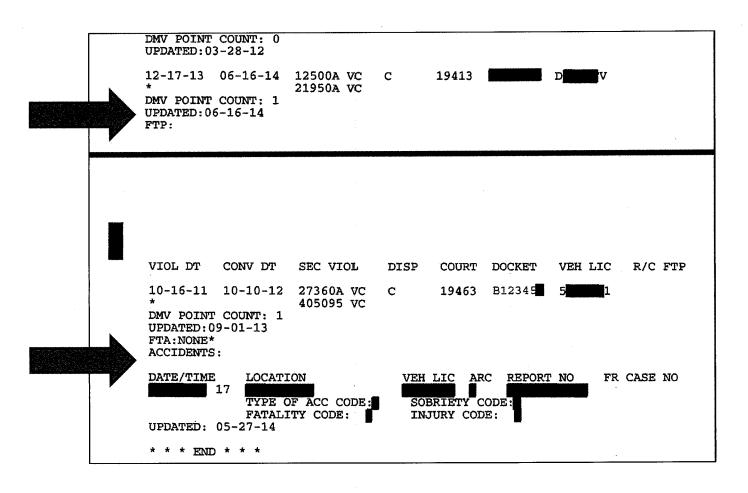
LEGAL HISTORY:



- 1. Under "FILE/COND:" this field indicates whether the license holder's driver's license has been suspended. If the driver's license is valid, this field would be empty. If it contains any of the following codes, the license is likely to be suspended.
  - a. Mand susp or rev stop: Mandatory suspension or revocation; stop issuance of driver's license
  - b. FTP stop: Failure to pay; stop issuance of driver's license
  - c. FTA stop: Failure to appear; stop issuance of driver's license
  - d. Reissue Fee Req: In this case, there is a \$55 reissue fee to reinstate the person's license.
- 2. Below "Legal History" is where all the reasons for current and previous suspensions are detailed. Under LOC&RSLT AUTH SEC, you will notice the code 13365. California Vehicle Code section 13365 authorizes the DMV to suspend a person's license because of a failure to appear/pay (FTA/FTP) a traffic ticket. This person's license has been suspended multiple times. "RSN" is reason code. "938" is the suspension code for FTA/FTP. For a list of the DMV reason codes, you can visit http://www.jakelaw.com/pdf/h6codes.pdf.
- 3. Where you see "ACT-TERM," it means that the suspension action was terminated. If a suspension action is terminated, it is not a current reason for a driver's license suspension.

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ORIG DUE DT: 06-30-02 PAID: 01-11-08 USED: 01-11-08 FEE GROUP CODE: 001
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Under "FEE REQUIRED INFORMATION," you will find information about what fees are required to get the person's license reinstated. Because this person's license is suspended under RSN code 938, there is a standard reissue fee of \$55.



Under the abstracts, you will notice that some entries have "FTP:" or "FTA:" An FTA is a Failure to Appear. A FTP is a Failure to Pay. Both refer to traffic citations.

This is the place in the H-6 where you can determine what ticket is holding up the person's driver's license. If you see an FTP or FTA, it means that the license is suspended for a traffic citation. The "ticket number" can be found under DOCKET, and the court where the ticket was filed can be found under COURT. For example, this person does not have an FTA, but does have one FTP. Both the FTA and FTP will have to be cleared before the license is reinstated.

#### Counselor Inquiry

The Counselor Inquiry is a DMV printout of citations with outstanding FTAs and FTPs preventing you from reinstating your driver's license.

#### Benefits

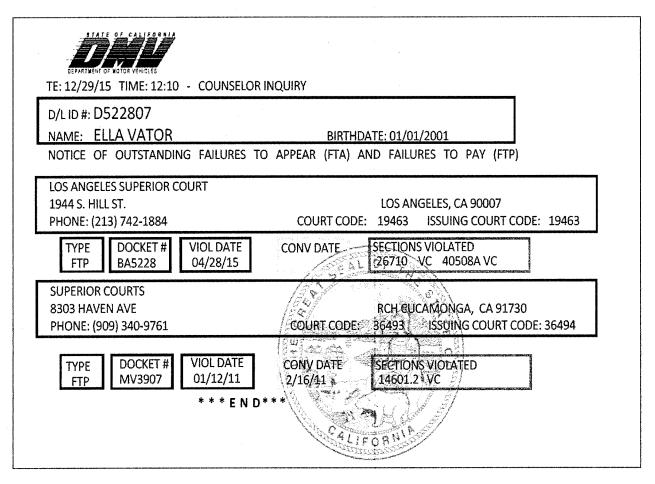
- Free
- Easy to read

Not limited to LA County

#### Drawbacks

- Only displays citations with holds on your license
- Limited information, e.g., doesn't say amount owed
- You have to go to the DMV to get it

Here is an example of a Counselor Inquiry:



The important information in a Counselor Inquiry falls under the heading "Notice of Outstanding Failures to Appear (FTA) and Failures to Pay (FTP)." Detailed under this heading are the tickets that are causing a hold on the person's driver's license. Each ticket must be resolved before the driver's license can be reinstated. Here, you can see that there are two tickets – one from the Los Angeles Superior Court on 1945 S. Hill Street and the other from Superior Courts on 8303 Haven Ave. The information provided for each ticket is:

Type (FTA or FTP)

- Docket Number
- Violation Date
- Conviction Date
- Vehicle Code sections violated

#### • GC Services Website

GC Services is the private debt collection vendor for the Los Angeles County Superior Courts. It collects the money owed for unpaid traffic tickets. If a ticket is in collections, there is a strong chance that there is an FTA/FTP associated with it. You can search on GC Services' website (<a href="https://courtpay.gcserv.com/">https://courtpay.gcserv.com/</a>) by driver's license number and date of birth to find the exact amount owed on all tickets.

#### Benefits

- o Free
- o Easy
- o Displays the amount owed

#### Drawbacks

- o Only citations in collections with GC Services
- o Limited information, e.g., no date of violation or section violated
- o No information about whether the person's driver's license is suspended

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#### • LA County Superior Court Website

You can search on LA County Superior Court website (www.lacourt.org) for all tickets out of Los Angeles County. The only information needed is the person's driver's license number and date of birth. This is a public database.

#### Benefits

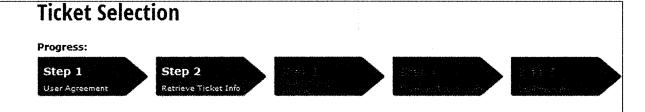
- o Free
- o Easy
- Shows court, date of violation, initial due date for fine payment or appearance in court, and status of the case (FTA/FTP)

#### Drawbacks

- o Limited information, e.g., no section violated, amount owed
- o No information about whether the person's driver's license is suspended

#### Terminology

- o 40509.5 Holds = Failure to Appear Hold
- o Matter Set for Compliance = Failure to Pay (in most instances)



Driver's License Number: **E1882** 

Date of Birth: 1/1/01

For more information on a ticket, click on the Ticket Number.

Ticket Number	Court	Law Enforcement Agency	Violation Date	Status
D51182	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	9/5/2010	40509.5 Holds
	San Fernando Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	1/3/2011	40509.5 Holds
	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	10/26/2010	40509,5 Holds
	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/25/2009	40509A Holds
	San Fernando Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/9/2009	40509.5 Holds
	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	6/20/2009	40509.5 Holds
	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	12/7/2009	40509.5 Holds
	Metropolitan Courthouse	Los Angeles Police Department	4/30/2009	40509.5 Holds

#### • Going In Person to the Courthouse

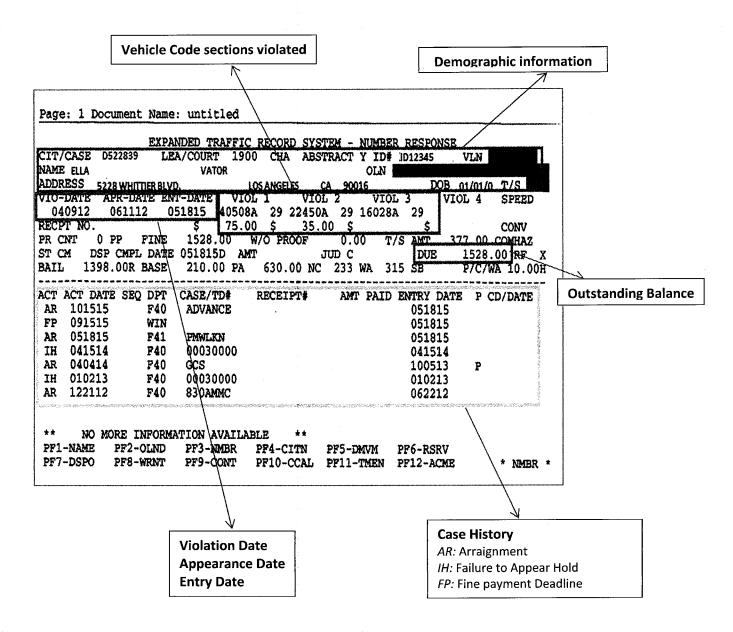
You can go to any traffic courthouse in LA County and get your ticket info printed for you. You can get copies of actual citations or the Expanded Traffic Record (see below).

#### Benefits

• Access to full and complete records

#### Drawbacks

- Limited to LA County
- No information about whether the person's driver's license is suspended



## Statewide Traffic Tickets/Infractions Amnesty Program October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017 Participation Form

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